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In re application of

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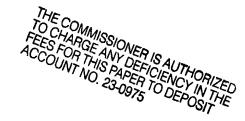
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DIGITAL IMAGE REPLENISHMENT METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE AND DATA RECORDING MEDIUM



AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 2, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel the claims presently in the case without prejudice and substitute therefor the following new claims:



35. An image coding method in which motion compensation predictive coding is performed to a digital image signal forming an image space including an image having an arbitrary shape and containing significant pixels and insignificant pixels, said image coding method comprising:

coding difference information between the digital image signal and a corresponding predictive image signal corresponding thereto;